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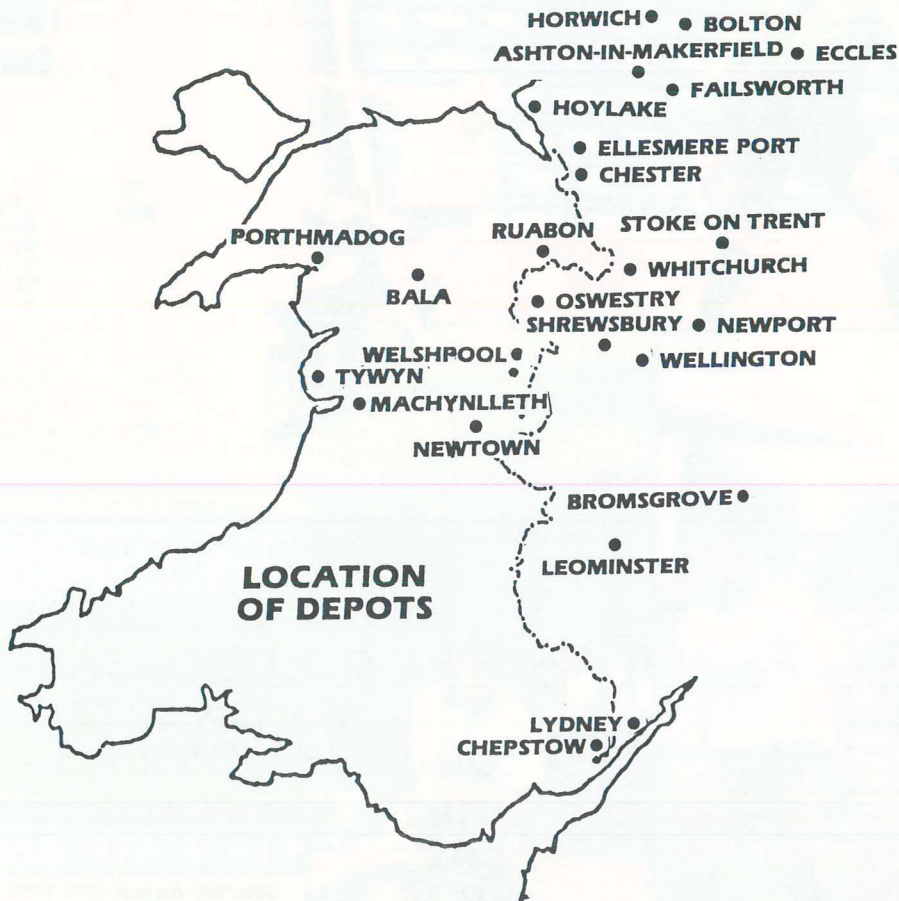
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# Team Talk

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to you all for what we hope will be a fruitful 1990/91 season. At this time of the year optimism and enthusiasm run high in ninety two League Clubs - none more so than in today's opponents Bolton Wanderers. I am sure they will be looking to go one better than last season when they lost out in the play-offs.

To have a successful season you almost inevitably need to have a good solid start to the season and I am talking about nine or ten League matches not just the first two or three.

The summer was a frustrating time for myself. I had six players out of contract and did not know which ones would re-sign



and which players would move on. Consequently when I was talking to other clubs or other players it was always in the knowledge that I could not sign anyone until one left this football club.

For those of you who have missed our pre-season games, I would like you to

welcome to the Club our three new faces. Michael Heathcote a centre half purchased from Sunderland, Mark Blake who joined us permanently from Southampton (eventually) and John Moore, a centre forward who was plying his trade last season for F.C. Utrecht in Holland.

David Moyes joined Dunfermline Athletic early this week. Dave never gave less than 100% for Shrewsbury Town and was a help to me when I took over the Manager's chair in January. I wish him well at Dunfermline and eventually when he, as I am sure he will, moves into the coaching side of the game.

Once again enjoy this afternoon's game.

**Asa Hartford**  
Manager.

As you are now aware the cost of the matchday programme has risen to 80p.

We have for a number of years held the cost as low as possible, while other clubs have risen. This year these costs have overtaken our budget so the rise in cost could not be helped.

While all the costs of Division Three programmes are not to hand only one, to date, is below us, that being Mansfield Town at 70p. In the main they are 80p although six are £1.00 (including Gillingham) and one, Fulham, is £1.20.

We have as you see increased the number of pages to 32 so we hope that you will have better value than before.

We would also like to start a letters page. They should be written to the Programme Editor, Gay Meadow.

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# Town Talk



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## ● SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

We would like to thank all our Members for their support during the last year and we look forward with optimism to the new season. Once again we will be finishing our monthly Committee Meetings with open meetings for all our Members and will invite guest speakers to these meetings. The first meeting will be on Monday 10th September at 8.00pm in the Players Lounge Gay Meadow. The speakers on this our first meeting will be Asa Hartford and John Bond. Please note that entrance will be by Supporters Club Membership ticket only. With regard to

availability of Membership tickets these may be obtained by one of the following methods:

1. By postal application with s.a.e to P.V.Sandford, 19 Faintree Avenue, Sutton Farm, Shrewsbury, SY2 6HD.
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3. By hand at the Ticket Office Gay Meadow on Sunday 26th August from 10.00am to 12.00 noon (other dates will be advised via this programme or the local press).

Supporters Club Membership is the same as last year £1.00 Senior Members and 50p Junior (Under 15) or OAP's.

We are once again appealing for Members to assist in the Buffets as we are short of the numbers we require to provide the service to you that you

expect and deserve. Anyone who may be interested in finding out more please contact me on the match day or ring me on Shrewsbury 62621.

Once again may we thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings please check the Supporters Club programme page for dates and details.

## ● AWAY TRAVEL

The Supporters Club will be running coaches to the majority of Towns away matches this season.

For the game at Rotherham on 1st September a coach will depart from Wem 11.00am, Shrewsbury 11.30am and Shawbury 11.45am.

Departure times for the match at Tranmere on the 15th September, will leave Shrewsbury at 12.30pm,

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VOUCHER  
NUMBER** **1**



## FROM THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Shrewsbury Town v Huddersfield Town  
Barclays League  
7th April, 1990

At a recent meeting of a Disciplinary Commission, reference was made to the report submitted by the Referee in the above match and your letter of the 23rd April, each relating to an unidentified missile allegedly having been thrown at a Linesman on the occasion of the above match.

Having given the matter due consideration, the Members agreed to accept the explanation given in your letter. However, they did suggest that your Club gives consideration to printing a suitable programme notice in the first official programme in Season 1990/91, pointing out to spectators the danger to Players/Match Officials, and other spectators, when missiles are thrown. If your Club decides to print the relevant notice, we would appreciate a copy of the programme showing it.

Shawbury 12.45pm - Wem  
1.00pm and Whitchurch 1.20pm.

To book places phone either Dave Paddock on Shrewsbury 60818. Alan Follmer on Wem 33882 or John Berry on Wem 32580.

### ● MCGINLAY MOVES TO BURY

The major transfer deal of the Summer involving Shrewsbury was the £175,000 departure of striker John McGinlay to 3rd Division rival Bury.

McGinlay, who last season hit 26 goals and won the supporters club player of the year award joined Town from Elgin City for a bargain £25,000 in February 1989 and his decision to move to another third division club surprised quite a few people - so why join Bury !..... "In the end they offered me the best deal" says John, "But that's not the only reason, they aren't a big club, but they're ambitious as they have shown by the money they have spent. They got to the play-offs last year and hopefully they'll go one better this year.

I spoke to a few other clubs such as Millwall, where I think a lot of people thought I was going. My agents spoke to Hibernian, but all the confusion over the proposed merger between Hibs and Hearts put me off. I also talked to Bolton and I was due to speak to

Middlesbrough the week I signed for Bury."

McGinlay was a very popular figure with the Gay Meadow fans and of the loyal Shrews supporters he says, "I had a good relationship with them and I appreciate everything they've done for me and I hope they give me a good welcome when I come back next season.

"I would like to wish Shrewsbury all the best for the new season and although I obviously want Bury to win the third division, I hope that Shrewsbury are second."

### ● PRAISE FROM BULLY

The performance of Shrewsbury's summer signing, Michael Heathcote in the pre-season friendly against Wolves earned praise from many supporters.

However the Gay Meadow fans were not the only people talking favourably of Michael's display in the 2-2 draw.

Wolves and England star Steve Bull was kept fairly quiet by Michael and afterwards the likeable goal ace commented. "I was very impressed with the lad marking me - he looks a very good player."

In the 70 minutes Bully played he failed to get his name on the score sheet leaving him without a goal on his two appearances at the Meadow.

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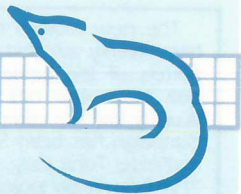
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The new football season has been keenly awaited by all supporters of the game - however one man who has been particularly keen to commence the campaign has been Shrewsbury midfielder Tony Kelly. Says Tony, "I've been really looking forward to the new season. We've done quite well in the pre-season friendlies and I think that since Asa Hartford and John Bond have come to the club they've really helped the lads, given them all the confidence they need and have encouraged us all to play."

"They've gone out and signed the likes of Mark Blake, Paul Wimbleton, Dean Spink, Tommy Lynch and Micky Heathcote and I just think that this could be our year".

Liverpool born Tony arrived at the Gay Meadow in a £30,000 move from West Bromwich Albion in February 1989, and he has since established himself as a firm favourite with the Shrews' fans.

He has become renowned for his passing ability, explosive shooting and clever free kicks, however early in his career it looked as though Tony might not make the grade - he takes up the story "When I was 15 I was asked to go to Liverpool, Everton and a few other clubs.

"I was at Liverpool first and then went to Everton. I had supported Everton as a boy and really wanted to play for them, but I got a letter from them one morning saying that I wasn't going to be big enough or strong enough, because when I was a kid I was quite skinny and little."

Tony battled back from that disappointment and went to Anfield and such was the impact he created on the Liverpool management, he was offered a two year apprenticeship and then a one year professional contract.

"I played alongside players like Avi Cohen, Alan Kennedy, Ian Rush, Ronnie Whelan, Bruce Grobbelaar and Steve Ogrizovic" says Tony, "It was a great experience because they taught me how to play. The way that Liverpool play they can win the

# Tony Kelly talks to Stuart Dunn

Championship every year and at least I learnt at the best place".

Tony was subsequently released and went to Derby County, but moved back to Merseyside because of home sickness and eventually joined Wigan Athletic and his league career was finally underway. He moved onto Stoke City for £80,000 and has since played for West Bromwich, Colchester (loan) and Chester (loan) - so How did the move to Shrewsbury come about? - "I've always been a personal friend of Ian McNeill's. When he was at Chelsea and I was at Wigan, they made a bid for me, but the deal fell through.

"He phoned me after I'd played for Colchester in the F.A. Cup against Shrewsbury and he said will you come on a month's loan, I said yes and since being at Gay Meadow I've loved every day of it".

## Weight Problem

Throughout his career Tony has had what could be termed 'a weight problem', he says, "I've always had a weight problem because I have always loved my food and I always used to eat at the wrong times.

"When I came to Shrewsbury I met the physio Les Helm and he got a grip of me. He gave me a diet, which I've stuck to and I'm probably the lightest I've been for about six years".

Despite his weight loss Tony is still called every name imaginable, connected to being fat by the dressing room jokers, he explains, "Me and Willie Naughton get the bulk of the stick, they call us things like 'Sumo'. It's a good laugh though and it creates a good spirit amongst the lads".

Away from football Tony is married to Karen and they live in the Telford Estate area of Shrewsbury, he likes to relax by listening to music which ranges from Dire Straits to Meatloaf, whilst he also enjoys a game of snooker and watching television.

Tony is never totally cut off from football and he gives some of his spare time to coaching a junior team in Shrewsbury called Up and Comers.

Says Tony "I'm coach and Beacon Radio reporter Mike is manager. We didn't win a game last season and we got a bye into the semi-finals of the Consolation Cup, I said to the lads in the dressing room, if we win this game we can have a party at my house and they won 1-0".

"They had the final on the Meadow and they got beat 2-1, but did really well. The team they played in the final had beat them 8-0 and 7-0 in the league and I thought we were going to get thrashed, but we only lost 2-1 and I was really proud of them and they all came around to my house for the party."

Tony also likes cricket and he has just completed his first season with N.A.L.G.O. In the Shropshire League, "It's the first time I've ever played cricket at this level and I scored a few runs and really enjoyed it. I might step up a league next year and go and play for Wem, as the groundsman Brian Perry has asked me to go and play for them".

With the knowledge of his crickering exploits, Tony's Shrewsbury colleagues were expecting great things from him when he picked up the bat for the recent cricket match between the Town players and Wem - so what happened, Tony was out first ball!!!



# SHREWS' YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME

July 1989-June 1990



*Pictured here we see Shaun Parrish (centre) with Club Director/Secretary Malcolm Starkey (left) and Philip Lewis (right).*

At the beginning of the year the Youth Squad consisted of seven in their second year, and three in their first year. They had had a rigorous and demanding experience having worked five - often long days a week, a Saturday Purity League match and sometimes another match during the week in the Midland Senior League side. Brian Williams the Youth Team Coach gave them a tough pre-season training programme and during the year the youths achieved a high level of physical fitness to pursue their football training. In addition they all received instruction in The Theory of Injury Treatment, The Theory of Football Tactics and swimming. They all took national examinations in First Aid, The Laws of the Game, Sports Leadership and English Speaking. We are pleased to report that all the youths passed the examinations. One day of each week was given to Day Release Education where instruction was given by a visiting lecturer (Mr Paul Smith) in preparation for the City and Guilds Certificate Part I (for first year trainees) and Part II (for second year trainees) for Recreation and Leisure Industries. They applied themselves to their studies and achieved these most commendable results.

Part I: Ian Ball; Sean Parrish; John Sillitoe (Distinction); Darren Ryan (Credit) and Andrew Evans(Pass).

Part II: Dale Jones; Paul Evans; Paul Bywater(Distinction); John Hay; Stephen Copeland(Credit) and Scott Thomson(Pass).

A number of the above have now left the club on the completion of their training. Although not offered terms by the club they could still achieve a place in professional football elsewhere. Their two years with the club will not have been wasted and we congratulate them on the many qualifications they have gained, which should ensure that they gain suitable employment in or outside football.

*Philip Lewis (Y.T.Co-ordinator)*





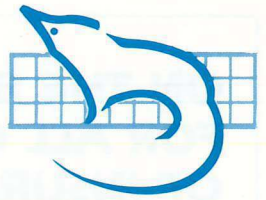
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# Soccer Scene



Can we climb to Division Two this season is a question that every fan of a Third Division club is currently asking. All would like to think that their team will be in the running, but which teams can in all seriousness have real hopes.

Tranmere Rovers must be to the forefront of these after last season's narrow miss on the playoffs and the cruel 'on off' of the close season when the decision over Swindon Town at first gave them side door entry so to speak and then snatched it away from them. The great news for their fans is that Chris Malkin and Ian Muir, who netted 56 goals between them last season are still with them.

Tony Philliskirk is still with today's visitors, Bolton Wanderers too as they strive to improve upon last season's playoff place and Bury manager Sam Ellis has tanked up on goalpower during the close season by his signing of our ace goalscorer, John McGinlay.

Of the teams who didn't quite make it to the playoffs Huddersfield Town look as likely as any under Eoin Hand a predecessor of Jack Charlton as Republic of Ireland manager while Rotherham's Clive Mendonca emerged as a major goalscorer last season and may make further progress this season.

Stoke City in only their second season ever in Division Three (the first time was in the old Division Three North in the twenties) and Alan Ball will not want to stay down for more than one season, but Bournemouth, who lost director Brian Tiler in a car accident in the close season may have the better balanced side - and Luther Blissett may still be a major threat in Division Three just as he was with Watford nearly 20 years ago.

Bradford City have in former Millwall boss John Docherty a man who knows a lot about winning promotion and of the teams just up from Division Four Exeter City will be a handful for anyone if striker Darren Rowbotham has recovered from the injury he sustained late last season. Steve Neville, now the player-coach there is also a prolific striker and unless they are upset by rumblings behind the scenes they could do well.

Grimsby Town under Alan Buckley moved smoothly to promotion last season and they are a well organised side without any real stars while Southend United, who are an inconsistent side despite going up last season will probably be missing David Crown (now with Gillingham) up front.

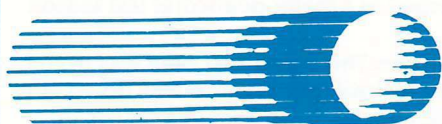
Long shots? What about Crewe Alexandra, a fine footballing side last season and blessed with a well-established and canny manager Dario Gradi who did much to lift Wimbledon in the football world. Steve Perryman has now left Brentford and one wonders whether his successor can get things together for a side who looked as good as most when at their best last season.

They are one of just ten sides with First Division experience in the current Division Three. And talking of other Divisions, Wigan Athletic are the only Third Division team who have never played in Division Two. Can Bryan Hamilton, now back at the helm, work the oracle there?

But lets not forget ourselves, there is a buzz about that the Town can produce the goods this season and get back to the high sphere where we belong.

Geoff Allman.

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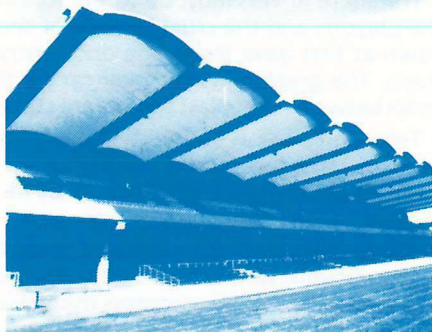


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## THIRTY YEARS AGO

There was a shock midway through the first half of our game with Swindon here on August 27th, 1960 when a shot from Ernie Hunt went through the side netting, but referee Duxbury of Preston realised that it had passed through a hole and the 'goal' was disallowed and running repairs carried out. Soon afterwards, however, Mike Summerbee crossed for Ken Mellor to head home and Swindon led at half-time.

We battled back after the break and equalised in unusual circumstances when Ray Ambler miscued a shot, but the ball ran perfectly for Colin Whitaker to slot it home. Sustained pressure failed to add to our score and we had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw, leaving us with just two points from our first three games.

**SHREWSBURY:** Miller; Hobson; Skeece; Harley; Wallace; Walters; Baker; Pountney; Ambler; Rowley; Whitaker.

**SWINDON:** Burton; Wollen; Trollope; Morgan; Owen; Woodruff; Summerbee; Hunt; Mellow; Jackson; Chamberlain.

Attendance: 7,330.

Bolton meanwhile had only one point to show from their first three games after Peter Deakin had got their consolation goal in a 2-1 defeat at West Ham. At one stage in this game Bobby Moore picked up the ball thinking referee Peter Brandwood had awarded a free-kick. In fact he hadn't and so he awarded one against Moore for hands.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

After beating Rotherham 4-2 here in our opening game we picked up a point in a 2-2 draw with Bristol Rovers at Eastville on August 22nd, 1970. There were two goals in just over a minute early in the game when after Robin Stubbs had put the home side ahead George Andrews crossed perfectly for Jim McLoughlin to equalise.

After the break a Terry Harkin shot was pushed out and George Andrews followed up to score, but just as we seemed capable of taking both points Carl Gilbert equalised with ten minutes to go.

**BRISTOL ROVERS:** Sheppard; Ford; Munro; Roberts; Taylor; Jones B; Graydon; Jones W; Stubbs; Gilbert; Jarman.

**SHREWSBURY:** Toozie; Gregory; Fellows; Moore; Wood; Moir; Roberts; Bridgwood; Andrews; Harkin; McLoughlin.

Attendance: 8,994.

Bolton meanwhile after winning their first two games crashed 4-0 at Portsmouth, those being the days of Gordon Taylor and Terry Wharton on the wings while after this game Peter Clarke lost his place in goal to our former keeper Alan Boswell.

## TEN YEARS AGO

August 23rd, 1980 saw us battling hard to take a point from Chelsea in a 2-2 draw here. We had beaten the Londoners in both games the previous season, but this time Clive Walker put them ahead after 15 minutes. Ian Atkins equalised close on the half hour with a scorching shot in off a post following a Jake King cross. Then Ray Wilkins found Mike Illery unmarked to make it 2-1 at the interval.

After the break we battled back for Steve Biggins to equalise after 61 minutes and only a spectacular save by goalkeeper Peta Borota late in the game prevented us taking both points.

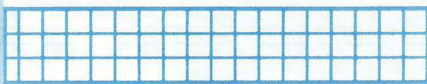
**SHREWSBURY:** Wardle; King; Leonard; Turner; Griffin; Kesy; Tong; Atkins; Biggins; Dungworth; Potts.

**CHELSEA:** Borota; Wilkins; Rose; Bumstead; Droy; Chivers; Britton; Illery; Johnson/Rhodes-Brown; Walker; Nutton.

Attendance: 6,672.

We now had just two points from our first three Second Division games while Bolton had three after a spectacular 4-0 win over Newcastle with a Brian Kidd hat-trick and another goal from Neil Whatmore. Notts County and Blackburn led the way in our Division with five points each.

Geoff Allman



# Looking Back Forty Years

(By Retired Sports Writer Stan Hall)

Many of the middle aged and older Shrewsbury Town supporters will to-day be casting back their minds forty years.

No need to remind them that 1950 saw Town's first season in the Football League and after a goalless draw at Scunthorpe on August 9th, they had entertained and beaten Wrexham 2-1 on the following Monday with goals by Bobbie Brown & Arnold Jackson.

That was not such a bad start to the Town's first season in the old Northern Section of the Third Division. But it was not to last and, indeed, they lost the next seven matches, scoring only two goals (by Dave Robinson and Harry Smale, who returned to make his home in the town and is well known in bowling circles). In those seven matches they conceded 16 goals, five of them away to Rochdale.

However, Sammy Crooks, of former Derby County and England fame, who joined the club that year as secretary/manager, made two important signings in wing halves (as they were known in those days) Jimmy Bullions, surely one of the best and most popular players ever to don Town's colours, and Ron Crutchley.

## The Good Points

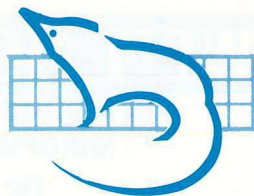
The result was that Shrewsbury finished the season fifth from bottom with 37 points while Accrington Stanley & New Brighton (no longer in the League) having to seek re-election. Because of their geographical position, Shrewsbury moved next season to the more popular, and financially lucrative, Southern Section of the Football League.

The result was that the average home attendance rose from 9,091 to 9,818 (How the club would like those sort of averages these days), while away average attendances rose even more significantly - from 8,856 to 12,421.

I expect many of the older Town supporters will remember the team for the Town's first Football League match. But for those with memories like mine these days (I have my records to refer to!), here it is: Pat Egglestone, Peter Fisher; Norman Lewis (local player); Joe Wheatley; Roland Depear; Dave Robinson; Frank Griffin (who will forget his FA Cup final winner for West Bromwich Albion and he is one of a number who returned to live in the Town); Eric



# Backtracking



Hope (a Shropshire man); Arnold Jackson; Bobbie Brown; Robert Barker; with long service and local winger Jackie Butler as 12th man.

In that first season, Shrewsbury included 21 players in their League matches and three of those - Roland Depear (captain), Pat Egglestone and Bobby Brown - made the full 46 appearances.

In addition Jimmy Bullions and Ron Crutchley did not miss a league match after being signed a few weeks after the season opened.

## Top Scorers

Town's 39 league goals that season were scored by no less than 13 players with Bobbie Brown easily top scorer with 15 followed by Arnold Jackson with six.

Incidentally Town's entry into the Football League brought considerably increased interest throughout the county as indicated by the fact that in Shropshire Senior Cup matches in 1950/51, a semi-final match away to Wellington Town (now Telford United) attracted 6,035 while the final against Oswestry at the Gay Meadow drew 7,259. Next season, the Town's semi-final match away to Wellington drew 8,599 while the final at home to Oswestry attracted 10,256.

We are sure that all these figures haven't been too boring and they certainly raise some very interesting discussions and speculations. We are indebted to Stan Hall for writing this forward to our look at "40 Years of League Football at Gay Meadow".

## SHREWS' HISTORY SEASON BY SEASON 1950/51

This was the season when we joined the Northern Section of the Division Three together with Scunthorpe, increasing the number of teams there from 22 to 24.

We won our first-ever Football League game here against Wrexham and avoided a re-election application by five points. Our last games of the season brought us a 4-2 win over a New Brighton side who were playing what turned out to be their last ever Football League game.

### APPEARANCES

Brown B 46; Depear R 46; Egglestone P 46; Jackson A 38; Bullions J 37; Crutchley R 37; Griffin F 37; Fisher P 33; Potter H 30; Hope E 26; Barker B 25; Butler J 22; Lewis N 22; Gorin T 16; Dodd B 13; Robinson D 10; Smale H 9; Wheatley J 7; Treharne C 4; Dale E 1; Harper K 1.

### GOALSCORERS

Brown 14; Jackson 6; Griffin 5; Butler 4; Gorin 3; Hope 3; Barker 1; Bullion 1; Crutchley 1; Depear 1; Robinson 1; Smale 1; Treherne 1; Own goal 1.

DIVISION THREE(NORTH)				
Aug	19	Scunthorpe United	A	0-0
	21	Wrexham	H	2-1
	26	Lincoln City	H	1-2
	30	Wrexham	A	0-1
Sept	2	Darlington	A	1-2
	5	Rochdale	A	0-5
	9	Stockport County	H	0-3
	11	Rochdale	H	0-2
	16	Halifax Town	A	1-3
	23	Hartlepool United	H	1-0
	30	Gateshead	A	0-3
	7	Accrington Stanley	H	0-1
Oct	14	Carlisle United	A	2-2
	21	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-2
	28	Southport	A	2-1
	4	Oldham Athletic	H	2-2
Nov	11	Bradford PA	A	4-2
	18	York City	H	1-0
	25	Gateshead	H	1-0
	2	Rotherham United	H	1-2
Dec	16	Scunthorpe United	H	3-1
	23	Lincoln City	A	0-5
	25	Chester	A	1-3
	26	Chester	H	1-0
Jan	30	Darlington	H	2-2
	13	Stockport County	A	0-2
	20	Halifax Town	H	2-0
	27	Bradford City	H	2-0
Feb	3	Hartlepool United	A	0-1
	10	New Brighton	A	0-0
	24	Accrington Stanley	A	0-2
	3	Carlisle United	H	0-3
March	10	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-0
	17	Southport	H	1-5
	23	Crewe Alexandra	A	2-1
	24	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2
	26	Crewe Alexandra	H	0-1
	31	Bradford PA	H	1-0
	7	York City	A	0-2
	14	Barrow	H	1-0
	19	Barrow	A	0-0
	21	Rotherham United	A	0-2
	25	Bradford City	A	0-1
	28	Mansfield Town	H	1-1
30	Mansfield Town	A	0-4	
	5	New Brighton	H	4-2

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Rotherham United	46	31	9	6	103	41	71
Mansfield Town	46	26	12	8	78	48	64
Carlisle United	46	25	12	9	79	50	62
Tranmere Rovers	46	24	11	11	83	62	59
Lincoln City	46	25	8	13	89	58	58
Bradford PA	46	23	8	15	90	72	54
Bradford City	46	21	10	15	90	63	52
Gateshead	46	21	8	17	84	62	50
Crewe Alexandra	46	19	10	17	61	60	48
Stockport County	46	20	8	18	63	63	48
Rochdale	46	17	11	18	69	62	45
Scunthorpe United	46	13	18	15	58	57	44
Chester	46	17	9	20	62	64	43
Wrexham	46	15	12	19	55	71	42
Oldham Athletic	46	16	8	22	73	73	40
Hartlepool United	46	16	7	23	64	66	39
York City	46	12	15	19	66	77	39
Darlington	46	13	13	20	59	77	39
Barrow	46	16	6	24	51	76	38
Shrewsbury Town	46	15	7	24	43	74	37
Southport	46	13	10	23	56	72	36
Halifax Town	46	11	12	23	50	69	34
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New Brighton	46	11	8	27	40	90	30

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Middle Row: Phil Neal (Manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown(Coach).

Front Row: Ewan Simpson (Physiotherapist), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach).

## Next at Gay Meadow

**Tuesday, 4th September - GILLINGHAM**  
Rumbelows League Cup. 1st Rd. 2nd Leg  
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**Wednesday, 5th September - NOTTINGHAM FOREST**  
Midland Senior League, Kick-off 2.00pm.

**Saturday, 8th September - FULHAM**  
Division Three, Kick-off 3.00pm.

## HALF TIME SCORE CHECK

<b>A</b> Cambridge v Birmingham	<b>B</b> Crewe v Fulham
<b>C</b> Exeter v Reading	<b>D</b> Huddersfield v Southend
<b>E</b> Leyton O v Swansea	<b>F</b> Preston v Grimsby
<b>G</b> Stoke v Rotherham	<b>H</b> Wigan v Mansfield
<b>I</b> Aston Villa v S'ampton	<b>J</b> Chelsea v Derby
<b>K</b> Everton v Leeds	<b>L</b> Luton v Crystal P
<b>M</b> Man Utd v Coventry	<b>N</b> Notts Forest v QPR
<b>O</b> Sheffield Utd v L'pool	<b>P</b> Tottenham v Man City
<b>Q</b> Wimbledon v Arsenal	<b>R</b> Wrexham v P'boro

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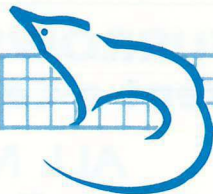
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# Facts



## SHREWSBURY TOWN v

### White & Blue

STEVE PERKS

Signed a new contract this week.

GRAEME WORSLEY

21 year-old from Bootle FC.

TOM LYNCH

Signed from Sunderland in February.

TONY KELLY

The new skipper of the side.

MICKY HEATHCOTE

New signing from Sunderland.

MARK BLAKE

New signing from Southampton.

CARL GRIFFITHS

Scored 6 goals on his Welsh Youth debut.

PAUL WIMBLETON

From Bristol City last season.

DEAN SPINK

New man Dean looking for goals.

MICHAEL BROWN

22-year-old Shrewsbury his only club.

PAUL GORMAN

Signed from Carlisle in 1989.

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## BOLTON

### Blue, White & Red.

DAVE FELGATE

Started out with Ledbury Town.

PHIL BROWN

Skipper of the side.

DAVID BURKE

Now rejoined Bolton after a spell at Crystal Palace.

SCOTT GREEN

Signed from Derby last March.

MARK CAME

Joined Bolton in 1984.

ALAN STUBBS

A young player who has recently been included in the squad.

STUART STORER

£25,000 from Everton in 1988.

STEVE THOMPSON

Bolton's longest serving player.

DAVID REEVES

Moved from Sheffield Wednesday last summer.

MIKE JEFFREY

Last season's leading scorer in the reserves.

JULIAN DARBY

A product of the Bolton youth policy.

## TODAY'S REFEREE.

Rodger Gifford is today's referee who lives at Llanbadrach, Mid Glamorgan. Rodger is one of Wales' top referees and is a member of the F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. list of referees. After commencing refereeing in 1965 he progressed to the Football League linesman's list in 1976 and the referee's list in 1984.

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## TODAY'S MASCOT

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<b>AUGUST</b>	
<b>25-BOLTON WANDERERS</b>	
28 Gillingham LC Rd 1-1L	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>1-Rotherham United</b>	
<b>4-GILLINGHAM LC Rd 1-1L</b>	
<b>8-FULHAM</b>	
18 Tranmere Rovers (7.30pm)	
<b>18-Southeast United</b>	
<b>23-GRIPSBY TOWN</b>	
29 Stoke City	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>2-BURY</b>	
<b>6-MANSFIELD TOWN</b>	
13 Leyton Orient	
20 Chester City	
<b>23-SWANSEA CITY</b>	
<b>27-BIRMINGHAM CITY</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
3 A.F.C. Bournemouth	
<b>9-CREWE ALEXANDRA (7.30pm)</b>	
17 F.A. Cup Round One.	
24 Cambridge United	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
1 Preston North End	
8 F.A. Cup Round Two.	
<b>15-WIGAN ATHLETIC</b>	
22 Bradford City	
<b>26-HUDDESFIELD TOWN</b>	
<b>29-EXETER CITY</b>	
<b>JANUARY 1991.</b>	
1 Brentford	
5 Reading	
<b>12-ROTHERHAM UNITED</b>	
19 Bolton Wanderers	
<b>25-TRANMERE ROVERS (7.30pm)</b>	
<b>1 FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>12-SOUTHEND UNITED</b>	
5 Grimsby town	
9 Fulham	
<b>12-READING</b>	
<b>16-CAMBRIDGE UNITED</b>	
22 Crewe Alexandra (7.30pm)	
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>2-PRESTON NORTH END</b>	
9 Wigan Athletic	
12 Bury	
<b>16-STOKE CITY</b>	
<b>19-LEYTON ORIENT</b>	
23 Mansfield Town	
30 Huddersfield Town	
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>2-BRADFORD CITY</b>	
6 Exeter City	
<b>13-BRENTFORD</b>	
<b>20-CHESTER CITY</b>	
27 Swansea City	
<b>MAY</b>	
14 Birmingham City	
<b>11-A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH</b>	

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Wed	29-Birmingham City	
SEPTEMBER		
Wed	5-NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
Wed	12-DARLINGTON	
Mon	17-NORTHAMPTON TOWN	
Wed	26-HARTLEPOOL UNITED	
OCTOBER		
Wed	31-Peterborough Utd.	
Wed	10-STOCKPORT COUNTY	
Wed	17-LINCOLN CITY	
Wed	24-Northampton Town	
Wed	31-BURY	
NOVEMBER		
Tue	6-Chesterfield	
Wed	14-LINCOLN CITY	
Wed	21-WALSALL	
Tue	27-Wrexham	
DECEMBER		
Wed	5-Hallifax Town	
Wed	12-CARLISLE UNITED	
Wed	19-ROCHDALE	
JANUARY		
Wed	2-Tranmere Rovers	
Mon	7-Lincoln City	
Wed	16-League Cup Rd 3	
Wed	23-Doncaster Rovers	
Wed	30-Darlington	
FEBRUARY		
Wed	13-PETERBOROUGH UNITED	
Wed	20-Hartlepool United	
Wed	27-Stockport County	
MARCH		
Wed	6-BIRMINGHAM CITY	
Mon	11-Nottingham Forest	
Wed	13-	
Wed	20-CHESTERFIELD	
Wed	28-Wrexham	
APRIL		
Wed	10-Bury	
Wed	17-Carlisle United	
Wed	24-HALIFAX TOWN	
MAY		
Wed	1-TRANMERE ROVERS	
Wed	8-Rochdale	

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## MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

AUGUST

Sat	24-BIRMINGHAM CITY	
SEPTEMBER		
Sat	1-Peterborough	
Sat	8-PORT VALE	
Sat	15-Hansfield Town	
Sat	22-LEICESTER CITY	
Sat	29-Wolverhampton Wanderers	
OCTOBER		
Sat	6-STOKE CITY L.Cup Rd 2	
Sat	13-DERBY COUNTY	
Sat	20-Notts County	
Sat	27-WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
NOVEMBER		
Sat	3-Walsall	
Sat	10-NORTHAMPTON TOWN	
Sat	17-Stoke City	
Sat	24-CHESTERFIELD	
DECEMBER		
Sat	1-Coventry City	
Sat	8-L.Cup Rd 3	
Sat	15-	
Sat	22-NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
Sat	29-Aston Villa	
JANUARY		
Sat	5-Birmingham City	
Sat	12-PETERBOROUGH UNITED	
Sat	19-Port Vale	
Sat	26-MANSFIELD TOWN	
FEBRUARY		
Sat	2-Leicester City	
Sat	9-WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	
Sat	16-Derby County	
Sat	23-Notts County	
MARCH		
Sat	2-West Bromwich Albion	
Sat	9-WALSALL	
Sat	16-Northampton Town	
Sat	23-STOKE CITY L.Cup S-F	
Sat	30-Chesterfield	
APRIL		
Sat	6-COVENTRY CITY	
Sat	20-Nottingham Forest	
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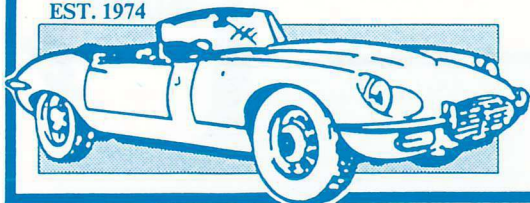
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# Bolton

**Today we welcome one of the great names in football, the Wanderers from Bolton, who may have spent recent seasons in Division Three and Four but who are a club with a remarkable history.**

They were one of the twelve founder-members of the Football League in 1888. They finished fourth behind Aston Villa, Derby and Everton in 1895/96 and though relegated in 1899 they bounced straight back up again. They went down again in 1903, climbed back up

again in 1905 and twice more before the First World War they showed this happy capacity of bouncing straight back up again after relegation.

Their real glory days came in the twenties however, beating West Ham in that first-ever Wembley final and going on to show their liking for the new stadium by chalking up three F.A.Cup wins in seven seasons. Goalkeeper Dick Pym, who was a native of Cornwall and lived into his nineties was goalkeeper in all three finals.

The thirties brought another brief sortie into Division Two for two seasons and then came the longest unbroken spell in Division One. In the war years they reached the 1946 Wartime final and did battle with Manchester United, Nat Lofthouse having by this time emerged as a powerful striker.

Nat was still playing when they finished fifth in Division One in 1951/52, and again in 1953/54. In between they had lost 4-3 to Blackpool in the 1953 F.A.Cup final, but





# Wanderers

## BOLTON WANDERERS THIS SEASON



Above Bolton's Barry Cowdrill is beaten to the ball. Below: Wigan Athletic's winger Bryan Griffiths leaps above Bolton's Phil Brown.

they made amends in 1957/58 when beating the post-Munich Manchester United at Wembley to win the trophy for the fourth time, helped by that controversial Nat Lofthouse second goal.

1964 saw their decline really begin for relegation to Division Two was followed by their first taste of Division Three in the early seventies for two seasons. By 1978 they had climbed back to Division One under Ian Greaves, but there has been no such return since they slipped to Division

Two again in 1980. They slipped to Division Three in 1983 and to Division Four in 1987.

Since then things have improved again. Phil Neal led them back to Division Three in 1988 and the following season saw them finishing tenth in Division Three and winning the Sherpa Van Trophy 4-1 against Torquay at Wembley. They also enjoyed a club record run of 20 games without defeat.

Last season they looked good for promotion until a disastrous run of only one win in seven games. This left them in the playoffs in which they went out 3-1 to Notts County in the semi-final.

Already they have beaten Blackpool 2-0 in a pre-season game with **Tony Philliskirk**, the former Sheffield United, Oldham and Preston man who got 24 goals last season, netting two penalties. **David Reeves** (ex-Sheffield Wednesday) and **Julian Darby**, an established homegrown player, reached double figures last season and will need watching today.

**Mike Jeffrey** is an up and coming striker while joining Darby in midfield we may see **Paul Comative** (ex-Wrexham and Burnley) and **Stuart Storer**, who once moved from Birmingham to Everton in a much-publicised transfer deal together with Wayne Clarke. **Rob Savage** is another much-travelled player now in his third season while in defence **Barry Cowdrill** came from West Bromwich Albion three seasons ago. **Gary Brown** came from Blackburn in 1988 and **Phil Brown** from Halifax Town a few months later.

**David Burke** is now back for his second spell with the club after spells with Huddersfield Town and Crystal Palace while **Dean Crombie** has many years of experience with Grimsby Town behind him. In goal **David Felgate** was first with Bolton in 1978 and is now in his third spell having twice moved to Grimsby and having twice returned. This is his fourth season of his current spell.

Geoff Allman.



# MEET THE MEN FROM BOLTON

## **MARK CAME - Defender**

Joined the Wanderers from non league Winsford United in 1984. Became a regular twelve months later but a broken leg in 1988 kept him out of the game for a long period. Forced his way back into the team last season and popped up with some important goals in the marathon cup tie against Swindon Town.

## **JULIAN DARBY - Midfield**

A product of the clubs youth policy who has proved to be a versatile member of the squad since making his debut in 1986. Over 150 appearances for his home town club and was an everpresent last term in which he scored 12 goals.

## **STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield**

Bolton's longest serving professional having made his debut in November 1982. Came through the youth ranks and has since played over 300 games in three divisions of the football league.

## **STUART STORER - Forward**

Joined Bolton in a £25,000 deal from Everton in January 1988 after a loan spell. Began his career with Mansfield Town before moving to Birmingham City and then on to Goodison Park.

## **GARY HENSHAW - Midfield**

Moved to Burnden from his only other league club, Grimsby Town, in July 1987. He failed to command a regular place last term and spent some time out on loan with Rochdale.

## **ROBBIE SAVAGE - Midfield**

Missed most of last season through injury. First appeared in the football league in a loan period with Wrexham from his first club Liverpool. Since played with Stoke City, Bournemouth and Bradford City from whom he joined Bolton in September 1987.

## **PAUL COMSTIVE - Midfield**

Joined the Wanderers in September 1989 from Burnley after making 82 appearances for the Turf Moor Club. Began with Blackburn Rovers and his other clubs include Rochdale (loan) Wigan Athletic and Wrexham.

## **MARK WINSTANLEY - Defender**

A 'home grown' player who made his debut in 1986. Became a regular in the side two years later and has now over 100 appearances to his credit. His consistent performances have been a feature that have attracted the attention of some first division clubs.

## **DAVID REEVES - Forward**

A tribunal set his fee at £80,000 when he moved to the Wanderers from Sheffield Wednesday last summer. Joined Wednesday from non league football and subsequently got his first taste of league football in loan spells with Scunthorpe and Burnley.

## **DAVID FELGATE - Goalkeeper**

Commenced his career with the Wanderers but failed to make a league appearance before being sold to Lincoln City for a £25,000 fee. Whilst at Sincil Bank he won his only Welsh international cap and in February 1987 returned to Bolton from Grimsby Town for £15,000.

## **KEVIN ROSE - Goalkeeper**

Began with non league Ledbury Town from where he moved to Lincoln City. He returned to non league without having played for City but his next move saw him make 268 league appearances for Hereford United. Came to Burnden Park for £20,000 in July 1989.

## **PHIL BROWN - Fullback**

Born South Shields. Club Captain who has been an everpresent in the side for the past two seasons since his £17,000 move from Halifax Town. He made 135 league appearances for the Yorkshire club after playing over 200 times for his first club Hartlepool United.

## **PAUL HUGHES - Fullback**

Came through the Wanderers youth policy to make his league debut during the fourth division promotion winning season of 1987/88. For the last two seasons he has been dogged with injury problems that has kept his appearances to a minimum.

## **BARRY COWDRILL - Midfield**

Began his league career with West Bromwich Albion who secured his services from Sutton Coldfield Town. He moved to Burnden two seasons ago after 131 games for Albion and was last seasons player of the year.

## **DAVID BURKE - Fullback**

In his second spell with Bolton, his first league club, after a £60,000 move from Crystal Palace during the close season. A former England youth international he left Burnden in 1981 to join Huddersfield and made over 200 appearances for them before moving to Selhurst Park in 1987.

## **DEAN CROMBIE - Defender**

An experienced player who commenced his league career with his home town club. In 1978 he moved to Grimsby Town and made over 350 appearances before coming to Burnden in 1987. Can play in either the left back position or in central defence.

## **SCOTT GREEN - Midfield**

Born Walsall. A £50,000 fee secured the 20 year old from Derby County last March. He failed to appear in the first team at the Baseball Ground but forced his way into the Bolton side in the late stages of the campaign.

## **TONY PHILLISKIRK - Forward**

Last season's leading goalscorer after his close season £50,000 move to Burnden from Preston North End. Began his career with Sheffield United, making 80 appearances, before moving to Oldham in July 1988 where he spent only 7 months.

## **MIKE JEFFREY - Forward**

Made his debut as a 17 year old in March 1989 but failed to hold down a regular spot in the side. Was last seasons leading scorer for the reserves.

## **IAN STEVENS - Forward**

Spent the summer playing in Finland but still has to force his way into the team after joining the club in 1987. Began his career at Preston before spending a short time with Stockport County.





*Spotted by cameraman Matthew Ashton, we see our doctor geared for the weather when we played Barnsley. No physio so the 'doc' took the sponge - and his shorts, to attend to a Shrews' player.*

*Below we see members of the first team squad outside the Danehurst Leisure Centre before an energy sapping run up the Church Stretton Hills before relaxing in the Hotel's indoor pools for some pre-season training.*



#### **GILLINGHAM v SHREWSBURY**

**August 28th 1990.**

**Kick Off 7.30pm.**

#### **A.A. ROUTE TO GILLINGHAM Shrewsbury**

Follow signs Telford (A5) to leave by A458  
In 1.2 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit  
A5112 (not Shown)

In 1.3 miles at roundabout take 1st exit A5  
**Junction with M54**

Forward (signs Birmingham) to join M54  
In 22.22 join M6 to Junction 8  
Keep to right-hand lanes (signs London) to  
Junction 1

In 3.9 miles join M1 to Junction 6a  
Branch left (signs Harlow Mill) to join M25  
to Junction 30

#### **Thurrock Service Area**

In 1.2 miles forward leaving Motorway to  
join A282

#### **Dartford Tunnel**

Follow signs Swanley (M25)  
In 2.2 miles branch left (signs Rochester,  
Dover)

and at roundabout take 1st exit A2  
9.3 miles farther take left-hand lane

#### **Strood**

#### **Rochester**

Follow signs Chatham A2

#### **Chatham**

Follow signs Gillingham A2

#### **Gillingham**

Turn left into Canterbury Street A231

In 0.8 mile at Bus Station turn right  
into Gillingham Road unclassified  
Take 4th turning right into Gordon Road

#### **Gillingham F.C. (on left)**

Total AA mileage: 204 miles.

#### **ROTHERHAM UNITED V SHREWSBURY.**

**September 1st 1990.**

**Kick Off 3.00pm.**

#### **A.A. ROUTE TO ROTHERHAM UNITED**

#### **Shrewsbury**

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**Junction with M54**

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#### **Junction with A5**

At roundabout take 3rd exit A5 (signs  
Brownhills)

#### **Junction for Brownhills (A452)**

At roundabout forward (signs Tamworth)  
In 5.1 miles at roundabout take 2nd exit  
A5148 (signs Burton)

1.3 miles farther forward A38  
Later forward into Burton Bypass following  
signs Derby

#### **Junction with M1**

At roundabout take 2nd exit (signs The  
North)

to join Motorway M1  
at Junction 32 follow signs Sheffield, Leeds  
to Junction 34

Leave Motorway (signs Rotherham) to join  
A6178

In 1.9 miles at roundabout take 1st exit  
A630

0.4 mile farther at roundabout take 1st exit  
into Masburgh Street unclassified

Shortly turn left into Mill Moor Lane for  
**Rotherham United F.C. (on right)**

Total AA Mileage: 113.3 miles.



# sidelines

The Mighty Red Machine is about to suck in another fragment of Football's future. Sadly, the chances are that the outcome will be the neutralization of another promising career. Another key contribution to the greater long-term good of the game will be squandered - at least temporarily.

Mr. K. Dalglish, Manager of the mighty Anfield mob, is reputed to be keen on luring "the boy" Redknapp from Bournemouth. Jamie aged 17, is the "fruit" of manager Harry's loins. He has played a solitary league game for The Cherries, but by all accounts, he shows enough promise to have convinced Liverpool F.C. that they should consider investing a tidy sum in securing his signature.

For the Anfield Club, consideration of the risk element in the transaction pales into insignificance when judged against the dreadful prospect of another club stepping in first to snap up the merchandise in question. Horror of horrors, Everton are supposed to be in on the chase. After all, they do now have as assistant manager erstwhile Bournemouth coach and sometime hard Toffee Jimmy Gabriel. He knows an awful lot about young Jamie.

So, the fight is on. Once more, the fat cats are scrapping over the cream of football's future. Would you bet against Liverpool getting their paws on the morsel first? They have a history of snapping up precious youth and losing it in the depths of their system.

Who remembers Wayne Harrison once 'opeful of Oldham and for seasons anonymous of Anfield?

Does anyone recall Steve Harkness, onetime babe of Brunton, but who exchanged a high profile at Carlisle for the low life of Liverpool?

Before them we recall the likes of Stuart Mason, Peter Wall, Steve Ogrizovic, Kevin Sheedy and many more, who were all gobbled from smaller clubs "on the off chance" and who wallowed in the Central League (or lower) before escaping.

These expensive purchases seem to have no greater opportunity for graduation to the Anfield first team than do the countless other youngsters snaffled up through more conventional routes of junior soccer. And if you analyse the contents of Liverpool's senior sides over many years you won't find many examples of "unheard of youth makes good".

As the wife's old fella says: "Liverpool don't win their honours - they buy them".

As football conveyor belts go Liverpool is strictly Enfield as compared to the Suzuki of a Manchester City.

The Reds, of course, are not alone. There are other Clubs that are rich enough - and who exert only slightly less glamorous appeal than the champions - to ensure that the bulk of ball playing bairns from the lower reaches are brought in like bees around a honey pot.

And it's all wrong.

Surely Redknapp Snr. must realise that his progeny's best interests would not be served in the nether regions of a First Division set-up. Sure, he could rub shoulders with class. But far better if that class, in turn, was better distributed between the clubs such that Redknapp junior could encounter it at Dean Court, where he also has a much greater opportunity for League action. How much better to gain experience in front of a few thousand in the Third Division than before a dog, a cat, and a budgie crammed into Melwood, Belfield or wherever.

All this, I guess, could be construed as sour grapes. No so - not really!

Intuitively I know that the greater good of the English game would be better served by not having a League dominated by a handful of clubs. We desperately need a league in which all clubs are **genuinely** equal. At the start of the season they should all start within a division **truly** with the same opportunity for success. The League should be of a **uniformly** high standard - one which would comprise a rich larder upon which Chief Chef Taylor could draw to create worldbeating fare. Consumer interest would boom - money would come flooding into the clubs' coffers. How best to use it?

I think we have sufficient coaching expertise to stock up 92 League clubs. What remains is to equalise playing strengths and to circumvent the wealthiest "banking" all the talent even though they have no intention of taking advantage of it. Any system stinks which enables a club to take out of circulation in a player merely to prevent someone else from securing his services.

The three aspects demanding consideration are payments, transfer fees and pool sizes.

## Payments

All footballers should be paid a salary which is commensurate with their responsibilities as entertainers and their relative divisional status. Regulated win bonuses should be permitted, but the main incentive payments should come from a pool administered by the Football League. All clubs should pay into the pool in proportion to their League standing and draw bonuses from it at the season's end in accordance with their final position. The pool could be topped by sponsorship.

The scale of remuneration should be set at a level sufficient to ensure retention of the best (and most loyal) players in England. Only footballers playing for a Football League club should be considered for the English Team.

## Transfer fees

Transfers should still be allowed - but they should be restricted to the close season: they should directly reflect a player's proven worth (League appearances, honours, years service etc); and as now, all fees should be paid up front in cash. Any player for whose registration a fee changes hands should be **assured** (health permitting) a minimum of **ten** League games a season.

## Playing pools

At the start of a season a club must register 22 players (with League experience) maximum for League duty. Any number of youngsters emerging through a club's junior sides (and who have never signed a professional form for another League club) may be registered for League action. A maximum of two loan transfers should be permitted per season.

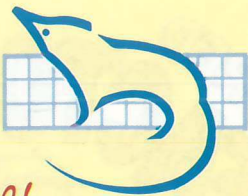
I'm sure that these simple measures would go a long way to ensuring that football in the future will not stagnate, will assume a higher quality profile and will just as likely feature Maidstone versus Darlington fighting it out for the League Championship and Liverpool and Manchester United squabbling over 92nd spot and a drop into the Conference.

The Fat Cats would never let it happen?



# Golden Oldies

## Looking at Shrew's Programmes



### SHREWSBURY v BOLTON WANDERERS - November 26th, 1971

We look back today to our first-ever Football League encounter with today's visitors and to a 12-page programme plus the 24-page Football League Review supplement.

Manager Harry Gregg welcomed Wanderers on page 3 on their first-ever visit to the Gay Meadow, and Malcolm Starkey on page 9 welcoming two men with a Bolton-Shrewesbury link, Edger Roberts, a former player, and Walter Rowley a former manager for both clubs.

The game ended in a 1-0 for us with Alf Wood scoring in the first half and 6,605 here to see it.

Geoff Allman.

#### Focus on Bolton Wanderers

THIS is the first visit that Bolton Wanderers have made to the Gay Meadow. We welcome the officials and players and look forward to a good game with them. Their Manager, Mr. Armfield, will select his team from the following players:

**Charlie Wright.** Goalkeeper who came to Bolton on a free transfer from Charlton Athletic during the close season. A Scot from Glasgow, Charlie has played for Rangers, Workington and Grimsby before moving to Charlton.

**John Ritson.** Joined the Wanderers from school. He graduated through the club's junior sides before making his debut in 1967. Was the first choice right back last season.

**Henry Mowbray.** A Scot from Cowdenbeath where he played before signing for Blackpool. Henry was another of Jimmy Armfield's close season signings.

**Alan Waldron.** Yet another youngster who joined the club from school. A brother of Burnley's Colin, he made his debut against Orient last season.

**Paul Jones.** Tall youngster who comes from Ellesmere Port. He is only 18, but is one of the most promising of the club's young players. Usually operates in the back four.

**Warwick Rimmer.** Utility man who does his best work in the back four. Born in Tranmere and an England schoolboy international, he is another player who came through the club's junior sides.

**Peter Nicholson.** Just 20 years of age, Peter started his career with Carlisle before moving to Blackpool. A defender who is capable of playing in several positions.

**Ian Seddon.** Former skipper of the club's youth side who won a place in the first team last season. A midfield player he is still only 20 and it is now three seasons since he made his debut against Rotherham.

**Garry Jones.** Born in Wythenshawe, made his debut at Huddersfield in 1969. Made a number of appearances as a striker last season.

**Roy Greaves.** Versatile player who played in most positions last season. He is probably at his best when used as a striker.

**Chris Duffy.** Liverpool born winger who has only had a handful of games in the first team. Another product of the club's youth policy.

**John Byrom.** Made a hit in League soccer with Blackburn Rovers. Joined Bolton for a £25,000 fee five years ago.

**John Hulme.** Tall centre half, who lost his place when Charlie Hurley joined the club two seasons ago—but won it back! Was playing better than ever at the end of last season.

**Roger Hunt.** England international who won everlasting fame in the 1966 World Cup. Came to the Wanderers for a £33,000 fee from Liverpool two seasons ago.

**Ron Phillips.** A tough, wiry player who is at home either on the wing or in midfield.

#### Shrewsbury Town

Blue and Amber

- 1 Ken MULHEARN
- 2 Sandy BROWN
- 3 Geoff FELLOWS
- 4 Peter DOLBY
- 5 Jim HOLTON
- 6 Gerry BRIDGWOOD
- 7 Dave ROBERTS
- 8 George ANDREWS
- 9 Alf WOOD
- 10 Ricky MOIR
- 11 Alan GROVES
- 12 Trevor MEREDITH

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Referee

H. P. HACKNEY

(Barnsley)

Linesmen

Red Flag

P. C. BEECH

Yellow Flag

G. R. FOSTER

Subject to Alteration

#### Bolton Wanderers

White and Navy

- 1 Charlie WRIGHT
- 2 John RITSON
- 3 Henry MOWBRAY
- 4 Alan WALDRON
- 5 Paul JONES
- 6 Warwick RIMMER
- 7 Peter NICHOLSON
- 8 Ian SEDDON
- 9 Garry JONES
- 10 Roy GREAVES
- 11 Chris DUFFY
- 12 Stuart LEE

#### TALK OF THE TOWN

By HARRY GREGG

AS you well know now we had an excellent win at Colchester in the First Round of the Cup last Saturday. I was very happy with the result, especially as so many teams have suffered setbacks at Layer Road over a very long period of time. The win was brought about by a complete team effort from the players, all wanting the ball and all running for each other.



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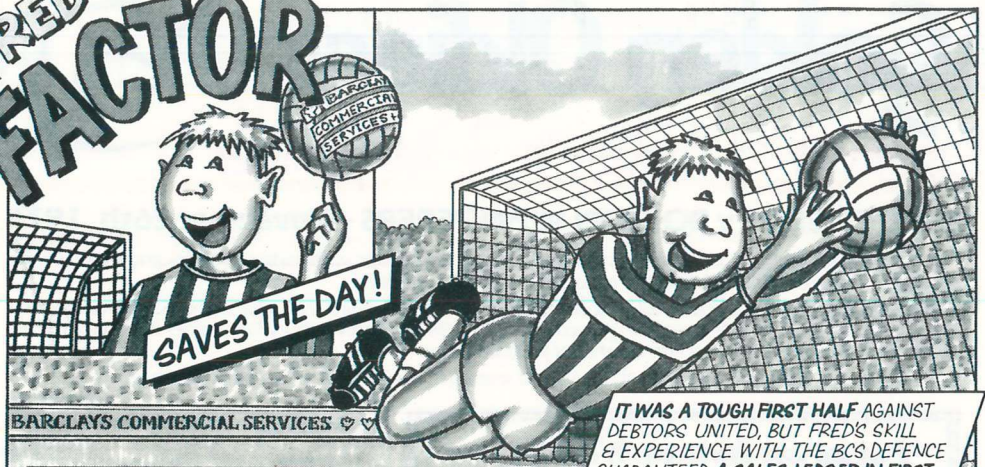
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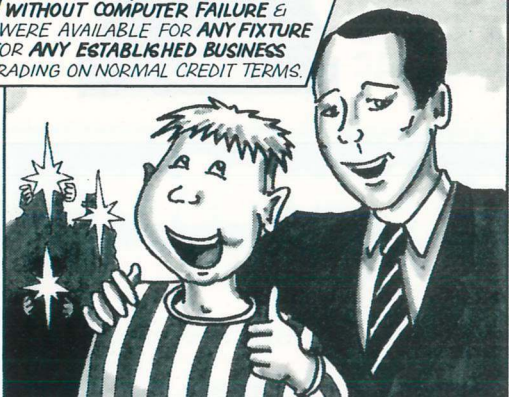
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# The Last Word

Goalkeepers are never far out of the news, but recent weeks have seen them getting more than their share of headlines with Jim Leighton rather unlucky to be blamed for Scotland's early exit from the World Cup and even Peter Shilton in his last international before his voluntary retirement from that exalted scene making an error though by that time England were playing only for third place kudos. Meanwhile on the transfer front David Seaman set up a new record for a custodian when moving from QPR to Arsenal and even the man he has replaced, John Lukic, was deemed worth more than a million when moving back to Leeds. Then just to make it a hat-trick of million pound goalkeepers Tony Coton cost more than that when leaving Watford for Manchester City where he succeeds to the gloves, so to speak, once worn by Frank Swift and Bert Trautmann, two of the greatest 'keepers of all time.

All of which underlines just how highly goalkeepers are valued these days after for many seasons being relatively poor relations in the transfer market. The reasons for this high valuation are also there to be seen in the World Cup incidents referred to. For goalkeepers errors are costly to the ninth degree and any good goalkeeper needs not only a lot of ability but also the run of the ball. This was

perfectly illustrated in Saturday's Charity Shield game when Bruce Grobbelaar failed to hold a powerful low drive just as Jim Leighton did in the World Cup. Luckily for Bruce the ball rolled only a short distance away and he just snapped it up before any eager striker could descend. He was rightly praised for a good save, but the save was no better than the Leighton one - only the outcome.

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## GOALKEEPERS ARE IN THE NEWS

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Tony Coton must also be reflecting on the ups and downs of goalkeeper esteem for he is the player who over a decade ago made a penalty save against Liverpool with his first touch of the ball in the Football League. Only a few years after that he was superfluous to Ron Saunders' requirements at St. Andrews and sold rather quickly to Watford a something of a liability because of alleged off the field episodes. It is to Coton's credit that he has settled down to be a key factor in Watford's maintenance of their position as either a First Division or upper Second Division club after so many years in the lower echilons of the Football League.

It will be very interesting to see how Seaman, Lukic and Coton fare in Division One

this season -will they be rivalling Everton's Neville Southall for the unofficial label and the best goalkeeper in the Football League? Neville like many another outstanding goalkeeper began his Football League life in the lower Divisions with a relatively unfashionable club, Bury in his case. Several from Sam Hardy to Gordon Banks originated with Chesterfield while Walsall produced Bert Williams before the war, Phil Parkes in the sixties and Mark Wallington (still active with Lincoln last season) in the seventies. Harry Gregg that great Irish goalkeeper of the fifties began with Doncaster while another outstanding irishman Pat Jennings began with Watford when they were a Third Division club.

And talking of internationals, who will the new England man be - will it be Chris Woods, who has already shown up well at that level? Will David Seaman or Dave Beasant edge in front. Or what about Nigel Martyn, another to have his football League origins out of the limelight at Bristol Rovers just as Dave Beasant had his at Wimbledon in their Fourth Division days. Could it be that goalkeepers in the lower Divisions are all the better for coming up the hard way? And who will be the exciting new goalkeepers to emerge this season. We shall doubtless be seeing some of them here.



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